

Court of Appeals, S.C.
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Initially created by Act 164, 1979 and made permanent and included in the Constitution of this State as of July 1, 1985 by Act 9, 1985. Act 145, 1995 added three new seats to the Court of Appeals. The Court has nine judges (elected for 6-year terms), may sit in panels of three, and its appellate jurisdiction includes questions of law and equity arising from the circuit and family courts except for appeals: (1) involving the sentence of death; (2) from the circuit court setting public utility rates; (3) involving principally the constitutionality of state laws or local ordinances; (4) involving state or local bonds or other indebtedness; (5) pertaining to elections; (6) concerning the limiting of grand jury investigations; (7) involving a family court order relating to abortion by a minor. These seven classes of cases are reviewed by the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals has been empowered by the General Assembly to receive appeals directly from the Administrative Law Court and the Workers' Compensation Commission.

**JAMES EDWARD LOCKEMY, Chief Judge of the
Court of Appeals, Seat 5. Term expires June 30,
2021. P.O. Box 750, Dillon 29536, Tel. (843) 774-4166**



LOCKEMY, James Edward—
(Dillon Co.) *b.* Sept. 23, 1949;
s. James Edmund and Nettie
(Turbeville) Lockemy; *g.* Pem-
broke State Univ., B.A., 1971; Univ.
of S.C., J.D., 1974; The Citadel,
Master's Degree, 2012; Ph.D. Can-
didate, Univ. of S.C., 2016–; Out-
standing Alumni, Pembroke State
Univ., 1985; Distinguished Serv.
Award, Univ. N.C. Pembroke (for-
merly Pembroke State Univ.),
2012; 2 children, James Michael

and William Travis; Adjunct Professor, Amer. Legal Hist., Univ.
of S.C. School of Law, 2017–; two years as Legis. Asst. to Sen.
Strom Thurmond & Subcom. Minority Counsel, U.S. Sen.

Jud. Com.; selected one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, 1980; Dillon Kiwanis Club, 1982–83; Bd. of Visitors, Med. Univ. of S.C., 1986; House of Reps., 1983–89; Bd. of Visitors, Coker Coll., 2001–02; mil. serv.: USA, Judge Advocate’s Gen.’s Corp, Ft. Bragg, N.C., 1974–77; Comd. Judge Advocate 28th Infantry Div., Task Force Falcon, Kosovo, 2003–04; COL (Ret.) USA and SCARNG; Brigadier Gen., S.C. Mil. Dept., 2005–; Dep. Comdr., Jt. Servs. Detachment; 4 years active duty, 26 years in SCNG, tour of duty in war-torn Kosovo, Ret. USA Rank: Col., Major Gen., (R) JSD Comdr., S.C. Mil. Dept., 2012–17; recipient of 17 mil. awards, including the Legion of Merit, USA; mem., Exec. Council & past Pres. 2005–06, Natl. Guard Assn. of S.C.; past mem., Exec. Com., Natl. Conference of State Trial Judges; Co-Chm., Editorial Bd. & Contributing Author, The Judges Journal, Judicial Div., ABA; Standing Com. on Judicial Independence, 2010–13; past Pres., S.C. Circuit Judges Assn.; Chm., Appellate Judges Conferences, Judicial Div., ABA, 2018–19; Chm., Appellate Judges Educ. Inst., 2019–20; S.C. Bar Rep. to the ABA House of Dels., 2019–21; Presidential appointee, ABA Standing Com. on the Amer. Judicial System; Adjunct Professor of History & Amer. Govt., Horry-Georgetown Tech. Coll., 2012–16; Commencement Speaker, UNC Pembroke, May 2017; comm. activities: inducted into The S.C. Dixie Youth Baseball Honor Roll 2007, Dillon Co. Citizen of the Year, Dillon Co. Veteran of the Year, Boy Scout Dist. Chm., Youth Baseball Coach (35 years), Past Pres. of Dillon Co. Theater Bd., Recipient of the 2007 Danny Jones Award for State Volunteer of the Year in youth baseball, Florence Little Theatre’s Irving Award for Best Actor; recipient, Order of the Palmetto, 2005; Circuit Judge at-large, Seat 6, 1989–08; Judge of the S.C. Court of Appeals, Seat 9, May 21, 2008–16; elected Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals (first Native American), May 25, 2016 to fulfill the unexpired term of John Cannon Few, elected to the Supreme Court.

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Law ClerksCatherine Harrison

Alicia Olive

**THOMAS E. HUFF, Judge of the Court of Appeals,
Seat 8. Term expires June 30, 2024. P.O. Box
11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1541**



HUFF, Thomas Ellis—(Aiken Co.) residing in N. Augusta 29841; *b.* June 5, 1949 in Augusta, Ga.; *s.* Ernest R., Sr. and Trilby C. Huff; *g.* Univ. of S.C. Aiken, 1969; Augusta Coll., B.B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1975; May 5, 1974 *m.* Patricia Dale Tucker, 1 child, Tiffany; past Chm., United Way for Belvedere Comm.; VP, Augusta Coll. Jaycees; mem.: Bd.

of Amer. Cancer Soc. for N. Augusta; Personalities of the South, 1978–79; Young Men of America, 1980–81; Curtis Baptist Church; House of Reps., 1979–96; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Feb. 14, 1996 to fulfill Act 145, 1995; qualified Mar. 29, 1996, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.Melrose Ott

Law ClerksLucia Hoefer Leaman
Jennifer Madsen

**BLAKE A. HEWITT (Horry Co.) Judge of the
Court of Appeals, Seat 1. Term expires June 30,
2023. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803)
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HEWITT, Blake A.—(Horry Co.) residing in Conway; *b.* June 9, 1978 in Atlanta, GA; *s.* Glenn and Wanda Hewitt; Dec. 10, 2005 *m.* Emma Catherine Hewitt; *g.* Georgia Inst. of Tech., B.S., 2001; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 2005; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Feb. 6, 2019 to succeed Paul E. Short, Jr., retired; qualified Dec. 3, 2019.

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H. BRUCE WILLIAMS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 2. Term expires June 30, 2023. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-2139

WILLIAMS, H. Bruce—(Richland Co.) residing at 418 Shandon St., Columbia 29205; *b.* Mar. 13, 1956 in Columbia; *s.* H. Lanier Williams and Edna Harris; *g.* Wofford Coll., B.A., 1978; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1982; Nov. 17, 1984 *m.* Sharon C. Williams, 2 children, Elizabeth Margaret and Anne Carlisle; private practice, 1982–95; Assoc. Irmo Town Judge, 1992–95; former Bd. mem., S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., Family Law Section; past Pres., Cola. Kiwanis Club; Advisor, Cola. High School Key Club, 1983–95; 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge, 1995–04; S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges, Secy.-Treas., 1998–99, VP, 1999–00, Pres., 2000–01; Richland Co. Juvenile Drug Court Judge, 1997–; Natl. Assn. of Drug Court Professionals, VC, 2017–19, Chair, 2019–; mem., S.C. Bar; admitted to practice in all S.C. Courts & U.S. Dist. Court for S.C.; elected May 25, 2004 to fulfill the unexpired term of William L. Howard, retired; qualified June 3, 2004, serving continuously since.



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PAULA H. THOMAS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 4. Term expires June 30, 2025. P.O. Box 479, Georgetown 29442, Tel. (843) 545-3551

THOMAS, Paula H.—(Georgetown Co.) residing on Pawleys Island; *b.* Oct. 20, 1957 in Sumter; *d.* James L. and Betty G. Hinson; *g.* Univ. of S.C., BIS, 1979, M.Ed., 1981, J.D., 1986; May 25, 1985 *m.* Don Stanley Thomas, 3 children, Austin, Kristen, and Kelly; Bd. mem., Georgetown Co. Humane Soc., 1987; Chm., Walk-America, Georgetown Co., 1988; Treas., Georgetown Co. Bar, 1991; Admin. Bd. Chm., St. Paul's Waccamaw, UMC, 1992; House of Reps., 1993–96; 2nd VC, House Jud. Com.; Chm., House Gen. Laws Subcom; elected Judge at-large, Seat 1, May 22, 1996 to fulfill the unexpired



term of Ralph King Anderson, Jr., elected to Court of Appeals; qualified July 26, 1996; Judge of the Fifteenth Circuit May 23, 1998–07; elected to Court of Appeals Feb. 7, 2007 to succeed C. Tolbert Goolsby, retired; qualified June 18, 2007, serving continuously since.

Admin. Asst.Elaine P. Langston

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APHRODITE K. KONDUROS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 6. Term expires June 30, 2021. 1220 Senate St., Columbia 29201, Tel. (803) 734-2494, Fax (803) 734-0422



KONDUROS, Aphrodite K.—(Greenville Co.) *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1981, J.D., 1984; 1994 *m.* Sam Konduros; Canterbury Scholar Award; Univ. of S.C. School of Law Student Bar Pres.; admitted to practice 1985; law clerk to Hon. David F. McInnis; Dep. Gen. Counsel for S.C. Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs; Asst. Gen. Counsel, S.C. Dept. of Social Servs.; Co. Dir., Greenville Dept. of Social Servs.; mem.: S.C. Bar; Greenville Bar; VP, Cola. Young Lawyers; Bd. mem.: Safe Harbor Shelter; Prevent Child Abuse Carolina; First Steps; Greenville Ballet; mem., St. George Greek Orthodox Church; Family Court Judge, 2002–08; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Feb. 6, 2008 to fulfill the unexpired term of Donald W. Beatty, elected to Supreme Court; qualified Feb. 21, 2008, serving continuously since.

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JOHN D. GEATHERS, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3. Term expires June 30, 2025. P.O. Box 11629, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-2429

GEATHERS, John D.—(Richland Co.) residing in the Blythewood area; *b.* 1961 in Georgetown; *s.* John H. and Gardenia Geathers; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1983, J.D., 1986; *m.* Doris Williams, 2 children; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1986 and N.C. State Bar, 1992; Senior Staff Counsel, Office of Sen. Research, 1987–95; Judge, S.C. Admin. Law Court, 1994–08; elected to S.C. Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 21, 2008, to fulfill the unexpired term of John W. Kittredge, who was elected to the S.C. Supreme Court; qualified Aug. 7, 2008, serving continuously since.



Law Clerks Mary Elam,
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STEPHANIE PENDARVIS McDONALD, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 7. Term expires June 30, 2026. 100 Broad St., Suite 427, Charleston 29401, Tel. (843) 958-5102, Fax (843) 958-5107

McDONALD, Stephanie Pendarvis—(Charleston Co.) *b.* Jan. 14, 1969 in Columbia; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1991, J.D., 1994; 1 child, Sara Susanne; law clerk, S.C. Sen. Jud. Com., 1992–94; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award; Phi Beta Kappa; former Pres., BE Chap. of Alpha Delta Pi Sor.; former Pres., Carolina Cares; Amer. Jurisprudence Awards for Evidence and Moot Court; mem., Order of the Barristers; Capt., Craven Moot Court Team; VP, Law School Pro Bono Bd.; Stuckey and Senn Law Firm, 1994–97; Senn, McDonald & Leinbach, LLC, 1998–11; Special Prosecutor, Office of the S.C. Atty. Gen., 2009–11; past Pres., Junior League of Charleston; former mem., S.C. Comm. on Judicial Conduct; past Pres., St. Philip's Church Episcopal Church Women; past Pres., Charleston Lawyers Club; Circuit Judge at-large, Seat 9, Feb. 2, 2011–14; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 7, May 28, 2014 to fulfill the unexpired term of Daniel F. Pieper, retired.



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**D. GARRISON “GARY” HILL, Judge of the Court
of Appeals, Seat 9. Term expires June 30, 2022.
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HILL, D. Garrison "Gary"—(Greenville Co.) s. Leo H. and Grace L. Hill; *g.* Wofford Coll., 1986, B.A.; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1989; 3 children; former Pres., Govt. Law Section of S.C. Bar; past mem., S.C. Bar House of Delegates; past Chm., City of Greenville Bd. of Zoning Appeals; private practice, 1990–04; elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 4.

2004–17; elected to Court of Appeals, Seat 9 to fulfill unexpired term of James E. Lockemy, elected Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5.

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